(*a*) whether Government have seriously considered the possibilities of making paper as a cottage industry ;

(*b*) what are Government activities in that line ;

(*c*) what is the result of such activities ?

**Mr. T. K. Nayar** *(Minister for Rural Development) :*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From 1115, experiments were carried on at the Rural Development Centre, Cherpu, with different raw materials such as waste paper, plantain stalks, straw, bamboo chips, rags, tailors cuttings, lemon grass, etc. (2) Experiments by Mr. Iswara Ayyar at Trichur under the direct supervision of the Industries Department.

(*c*) The experiments have proved to be successful.

**CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT—IRREGULARITIES—ENQUIRY REGARDING**

**169. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi) :* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have cared to make a searching enquiry into the working of the Civil Supplies Department after its institution to find out if there are any irregularities connected with it as done in the Sister State of Travancore ;

(*b*) if not will Government be pleased to do so at an early date ?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government) :*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Will be considered if it is found necessary.

**ACREAGE, ETC., OF LANDS PLANTED WITH HILL PADDY**

**170. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi) :* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total acreage of lands now planted with Hill Paddy ;

(*b*) what all varieties of paddy have been sown now ;

(*c*) the total acreage cleared already for other food crops to be raised ;

(*d*) and (*e*) what are the different varieties of food crops cultivated and the acreage of each variety ;

(*f*) the total amount spent so far on the Hill Paddy scheme ;

(*g*) the number of officers employed so far for the working of the scheme ;

(*h*) are all the officers doing work now ?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government) :*

(*a*) 5,375 acres.

(*b*) Peruvaka, Modan, Cheera, Chembavu and certain Central Provinces varieties like E. B. 13, E. B. 17 and Chathri paddy.

(*c*) 6,625 acres.

(*d*) and (*e*) Tapioca (2,000 acres) Red Gram and other pulses (500 acres) Chama and Ragi (125 acres) Further plantings are in progress.

(*f*) Rs. 5,01,001.

(*g*) 198.

(*h*) No. Only 173 are working now.

*Note.*—Of the 198 Officers who were on the work, 10 resigned, 1 died and 14 have either left or were removed from service.

**171. Mr. V. J. Mathai** *(Planters) :* Will Government be pleased to state.—(*a*) whether Government will make a statement regarding the extent of land cleared for the Hill Paddy scheme, the cost of clearing the areas put under crops, the estimated yield and the estimated all-in cost ;

(*b*) whether in future Government will entrust the work to the cultivators of the State in bits ?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government) :*

(*a*) Yes. Extent of land .. .. .. 12,000 acres

Cost of clearing .. .. .. Rs. 3,00,000 approximately

Estimated yield :

| | |
|---|---|
| (1) Paddy 4 lakhs of paras .. | Rs. 5,00,000 |
| (2) Tapioca 5,000 acres .. | Rs. 7,50,000 |
| (3) Other cereals, pulses, etc., 30,000 paras | Rs. 60,000 |
| Total | 13,10,000 |

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Estimated all-in cost .. Rs. 7,20, 452

There will also be profits to Government in the Forest Department from the sale of timber and fire-wood.

(*b*) The proposal is not feasible in the present emergency.

**172. Mrs. K. Joshua** *(Trichur-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount spent by the Government till the end of Edavam 1118 towards the Hill Paddy cultivation scheme;

(*b*) the following details of expenditure may be given.—

(1) pay of officers, Supervisors and menials

(2) labour charges

(3) cost of seeds;

(*c*) how many acres have been cultivated so far and what is the average expenditure incurred by the Government per acre ;

(*d*) whether they have any idea as to the probable yield from the cultivated area ?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 3,78,695.

(*b*) (1) Rs. 18,550.

(2) Rs. 3,09,714.

(3) Rs. 23,830.

(*c*) Area cultivated up to the end of Mithunam 18—8,000 acres. Average expenditure incurred by Government per acre Rs. 50 approximately.

(*d*) Yes.

| | *Rs.* |
|---|---|
| Paddy, 4,00,000 paras | 5,00,000 |
| Tapioca—5,000 acres | 7,50,000 |
| Other cereals and pulses | 60,000 |
| Total | 13,10,000 |

**FUEL—SUPPLY OF—JAIL AUTHORITIES**

**173. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are any of the Jail authorities at Viyyur supplied with free fuel, if so, what is the quantity allowed to each ;

(*b*) has not fuel been purchased for Central Jail use in 1118, if so, how much and what rate ;

(*c*) has any fuel been sold or removed from Central Jail in 1118, if so, to whom and by whom ?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes. The contractor supplied 99 tons of jungle wood fuel at Rs. 12 (98½ tons of firewood from wind fallen trees in the Jail premises was also made use of).

(*c*) Yes. One ton of firewood has been sold to Mr. M. Balakrishna Menon at Rs. 12.

**GAZETTE—DELIVERY BY ANCHAL—DELAY IN**

**174. Mr. M. Krishna Menon** *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state the reasons, if any, for the delay in the delivery of the Gazette by Anchal ?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is generally no delay in the Anchal if Gazettes are posted in the Ernakulam Anchal Office on Saturday evening as before. Gazettes are sometimes posted on Sundays after the despatch of the day's mail and in the absence of the morning train they reach their destination on Monday night and delivered on Tuesday.

**175. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) do Government know that the Government Gazette copies sent to various addressees in the Chittur and Talappalli Taluks on Saturdays are only received by the addressees on the next Tuesday;

(*b*) what is the cause of this inordinate delay between posting and delivery?

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